

**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR REISSUE APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: MULTIDIRECTIONAL ADAPTABLE VERTEBRAL OSTEOSYNTHESIS DEVICE WITH REDUCED SPACE REQUIREMENT, the specification of which is attached hereto, and which corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,267,765, which issued from original application 09/445,176.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid by reason of claiming more or less than I had the right to claim in the patent, the errors relied upon as a basis for reissue being the failure of counsel for the original applicant to appreciate that claim 1 as issued was unnecessarily narrow by virtue of the recitation of the difference between the respective centers of rotation of the ball and the cup in the recited device, as well as the fact that such difference is not disclosed by the application whose priority is claimed by the original patent.

All errors being corrected in this reissue application up to the time of filing of this declaration arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.

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This is part of the application for a reissue patent based on the original patent identified below.		
Name of Patentee(s) Jean TAYLOR and Bernard VILLARET		
Patent Number 6,267,765	Date Patent Issued July 31, 2001	
Title of Invention MULTIDIRECTIONAL ADAPTABLE VERTEBRAL OSTEOSYNTHESIS DEVICE WITH REDUCED SPACE REQUIREMENT		
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